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Effect of the concessions under penal interest granted by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on overdues during 1934–35.

* 259 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the results are of the Registrar's circular to co-operative societies, during the co-operative year 1934–35 allowing certain concessions in the payment of penal interest on overdues; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the question of further extending the concession and with what result?

A.—(*a*) The results are not yet known; they will be known only after statistics have been compiled for the departmental administration report.

(*b*) The following concessions have been granted for the current co-operative year:—

(1) Reduction in the lending rates by central banks and societies on new loans to be issued by them;

(2) no levy of penal interest on overdue loans by central banks and societies;

(3) collection of interest for 1935–36 at reduced rates, viz., at 6 or 6½ per cent by central banks and 7½ per cent by societies on all outstanding loans; and

(4) collection of interest by societies from members at the reduced rate of interest, i.e., 7½ per cent on all outstanding loans.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I ask, Sir, what effective steps have been taken to see that central banks and societies adopt the rates recommended?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"The reports submitted every year to the Registrar will show whether they have been adopted or not."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I ask whether the concession will be extended beyond the current co-operative year?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"For the present, I believe the concessions have been granted for the current year only. If it is necessary to extend them beyond the present year, it will be done."

Public Works

Representation of the depressed classes in the cadre of the Madras Engineering Service.

* 260 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Public Works Department Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers and District Board Engineers now in service, belonging to the depressed class, Non-Brahman and Brahman communities; and

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(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Services Commission has not called for applications from depressed class candidates for these cadres as it does in the case of Deputy Collectors and Deputy Superintendents of Police?

		Depressed classes.	Non-Brahmans.	Brahmans.
A.—(*a*)	Executive Engineers.. ..	Nil.	4	19
	Assistant Engineers	Nil.	14	97
	District Board Engineers ..	1	5	15

(*b*) *Executive Engineers* belong to an All-India Service, recruitment to the service being made by the Secretary of State.

Assistant Engineers belong to the Madras Engineering Service. They are recruited from the Madras Engineering Subordinate Service by the Chief Engineer in consultation with the Madras Services Commission. No direct recruitment to this service has till now been made.

District Board Engineers belong to the Madras District Board Engineering Service. Direct recruitment to this service has been prescribed and the Madras Services Commission invites applications from all communities when vacancies occur in the service.

Education

Promotion of Indian Christians in the Telugu area as District Educational Officers.

* 261 *Q.*—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in the past any Deputy Inspector of Schools has been promoted in the Educational department from the Christian community in the Telugu area as District Educational Officer;

(*b*) whether at least any of them have been drafted into the selection grade since its inception; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to introduce linguistic basis in the matter of such appointments also?

A.—(*a*) One within the last ten years.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) There is no such proposal at present.

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—" May I know whether the District Educational Officer referred to is a born Andhra or a domiciled one? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I can say this much: that he is not a Tamilian."